

2. (Twice Amended) A pipe joint comprising a male first pipe portion, a female second pipe portion, a compression gland having a lip located at an inner diameter of the gland disposed at least partially within the second pipe portion, and a restraining gasket within in the second pipe portion and between the first pipe portion and the second pipe portion, said gasket further comprising:
- a) a compressible body having a spigot-facing surface, a recess seat-facing surface, and a gland-facing surface; and
 - b) a locking member, said member having a tooth and a back portion at least partially embedded within the compressible body, wherein at least a portion of the tooth is positioned to engage the first pipe portion, wherein said locking member is adapted to pivot in response to a force tending to separate the first pipe portion from the second pipe portion,
- and wherein said locking member is adapted to resist movement between said first pipe portion and said compression gland in the event of such force.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

3. (Twice Amended) A pipe joint comprising a male first pipe portion, a female second pipe portion, and a restraining gasket, said gasket further comprising:
- a) a compressible body having a spigot-facing surface, a recess seat-facing surface, and a gland-facing surface; and
 - b) a locking member, said member having a tooth and a back portion at least partially embedded within the compressible body, wherein at least a portion of the tooth is positioned to engage the first pipe portion,
- wherein said locking member is adapted to adopt a secured relationship with the first pipe portion upon compression of a gland against said gland-facing surface and wherein further said locking member is adapted to non-compressibly resist movement of said first pipe portion relative to said gland by transferring a first portion of an extractive force to said gland and a second portion of such force to the second pipe portion, which first portion and second portion each have a magnitude less than a magnitude of the extractive force.

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Please amend Claim 13 as follows:

13. (Twice Amended) A gasket interchangeable with gaskets of standard mechanical pipe joints, for securing the ends of intersected assembled pipe portions, said gasket comprising a compressible body adapted to encircle a spigot end of a first pipe length and adapted to fit within a bell end of a second pipe length; said gasket having a spigot-facing surface, a gland-facing surface, and a recess seat surface; said compressible body having embedded therein a locking member, said locking member having a toothed edge, a gland-meeting area, and a recess seat-meeting area; said toothed edge disposed in proximity to said spigot facing surface; said gland-facing area disposed in proximity to said gland-facing surface, and said recess-seat meeting area disposed in proximity to said recess seat surface.

Please amend Claim 14 as follows:

14. (Twice Amended) A pipe joint as in Claim 13, wherein said gland-facing surface comprises a tooth.

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. (Twice Amended) A method for preventing the disengagement of pipe lengths in a standard mechanical joint comprising:
 - a) inserting a spigot end of a first pipe length into a bell end of a second pipe length;
 - b) placing a gasket within the bell end and around the spigot end, said gasket comprising a compressible body and a locking member;
 - c) affixing a compression gland to the bell end and partially within the bell end, in a manner that compresses the gasket to form a fluid seal; wherein said locking member is positioned such that upon a force tending to move the gland relative to the spigot end, said locking member rotates and directs a portion of the force counter to the bell end.